

HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

THE Board of Examiners of Trained Nurses of North Carolina have issued the following interesting circular letter:

"January 14, 1905.

"DEAR MADAM: I beg your early coöperation in the following undertaking:

"That the training-schools for nurses in North Carolina establish a three-years' course and a uniform curriculum. That all the superintendents of training-schools in the State unite in an effort to have a preparatory course for nurses established at the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, N. C., this six or nine months' course to be a part of the three-years' course and cover the following subjects: anatomy, physiology, household and personal hygiene, materia medica, chemistry of foods, invalid cookery, elementary biology, bacteriology, a review of English and mathematics.

"A similar course is now in operation at Johns Hopkins, Drexel Institute, and Simmons College; Harvard is about to establish such a course.

"I already have the promise of help from Dr. McIver, president of the Normal and Industrial College, and Superintendent of Public Instructions, Mr. Joyner. I feel confident that this course can be established if we show its need; and that in a few years we can supply our training-schools entirely from those who have taken this course. From the very first we should give them the preference.

"Would you suggest a meeting of all the superintendents, or a committee to look into and decide the matter? I am anxious that this course be put in next fall.

"Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

"Yours very truly,

"M. L. WYCHE, Secretary."

It has been the custom for some years in the Johns Hopkins School for Nurses to arrange for a series of lectures given by different people representing the various forms of social and philanthropic work of Baltimore and occasionally of some other cities. Though designed for the graduating class, these lectures have always been open to the other students. This year, instead of the usual lectures, a regular course of study was planned, which was carried out under the guidance of Mrs. John Glenn. The arrangement of subjects follows:

CONSTRUCTIVE CHARITY WORK. SOME OF THE PROBLEMS AND SOME OF THE RECOGNIZED MEANS OF RECONSTRUCTION. SIX LECTURES.

1. *Causes of Dependence.*

Due to misconduct, to misfortune; individual and social causes, their relation to each other. Social measures to prevent dependence.

2. *A Standard of Living.*

The right of every man.

The needs of a self-respecting, self-supporting family. Modifications of a standard of living due to racial differences. Danger of weakening any of "the motives that urge" a man to strive.

3. *Investigation. An Essential Means.*

Helpful treatment based on an accurate knowledge of causes of distress. Need of trained investigators. Methods. Value of accumulating knowledge as a basis of social study.

4. *Principles of Relief.*

Indiscriminate giving a cause of pauperism.

Correct definitions of "to give" and "to help."

Relief given in the home, secured from most natural sources, adequate to the need, given with intelligent oversight, used to develop power of self-support.

Evolution of charitable impulses.

Distinguishing marks of a right policy of relief.

5-6. *Coöperation*: with the family in need, with its neighbors, with the charitable, social, and civic forces. Two lectures.

Basis: intimate knowledge of need of individual and of available resources; mutual understanding, candor, and good-will. *Forces to be used*: family, personal, neighborhood, civic, private charity, public relief. *Coöperation* with public schools, recreation centres, libraries, the Health Department, police force, etc.

THE Rhode Island Hospital Nurses' Club is having this year a very interesting series of papers, and we give the subjects as they are so very suggestive.

Philanthropic Movements in the United States that have Awakened and Promoted the Nursing Profession.—"The First Hospitals," "United States Sanitary Commission," "The Red Cross Society," "Establishing of Training-Schools for Nurses in the United States."

Discoveries in Medical and Surgical Science during the Past Century.—"Anæsthetics," "Antisepsis and Asepsis," "Disease Bacteria," "Serum Therapy," "X-Ray and Finsen Light."

History and Work of the Organization for Nurses in America.—"American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools in America," "The Associated Alumnae of America," "Course in Hospital Economics at Teachers College," "THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING," "The Spanish-American War Nurses," "The Church in Relation to the Hospital," "Nursing Orders of the Roman Catholic Sisters," "Episcopal Sisters," "Deaconesses," "Recent Methods of Treatment at the Rhode Island Hospital," "Review of Important Events of the Year."

THE graduating exercises of Christ Hospital Training-School were held in Philips Hall, Jersey City, on the evening of January 12. Twelve young women, forming one of the most promising classes ever graduated from the hospital, received diplomas representing a three-years' course, three months of which were spent in the Lying-in Hospital of New York, from which hospital they also received diplomas.

Archdeacon Jewrey presented the diplomas and Rev. E. S. Forbes the medals with short and impressive remarks.

The following is the personnel of the class: K. Elizabeth Reid, Jessie S. Mitchell, Mildred L. Dean, L. Elizabeth Hollis, Hazel B. DeLany, Helen Demarest, Bonnie B. Wam, Edwilda M. Groves, Laura A. S. Conley, Eliza Crulman Vidler, Marion A. Freeman, and M. Louise Pugh.

An innovation of the programme was the presentation of two volumes, "Autobiography of Seventy Years," by Senator Hoar to Dr. G. K. Dickinson as a mark of appreciation of his interest in the graduating class during their three-years' hospital life.

THE following nurses were graduated from the Samaritan Hospital Training-School of Troy, N. Y., on February 1, 1905: Eudocia Higley, Glens Falls, N. Y.; Martha Jane Stewart, Watervliet; Jessie Hannah Pultz, Stockport, N. Y.; Cordelia Munson Armstrong, Utica, N. Y.; Grace Adeline Stiles, Fort Ann, N. Y.; Lexis Teresa Dowd, Little Falls, N. Y.; Jean Huber, Hazleton, Pa.; Dorothy Heidenreich, Hazleton, Pa.; Inger Thira Miller, Upper Troy, N. Y.; Jennie Grace Spiers, Cohoes, N. Y.; Nettie May Brewer Roy, Mechanicsville, N. Y.; Sarah Almira Stewart, Rensselaer, N. Y. The exercises were held in the assembly-room of the Thurman Home. The address was given by Dr. H. O. Marcy, of Boston. Following the exercises a social time with dancing was enjoyed.

A SERIES of lectures to the graduates and pupils of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, have been given during the winter in the Florence Nightingale Hall on countries and events relating to the war in the East by Miss Adele M. Field. The subjects have been "Russia," "Korea," "China," "Japan," "The Beginning of the War," "The Progress of the War to Date."

THE Boston Floating Hospital will be put into commission early this summer, and the nursing staff is now being enrolled. The experience is excellent, especially for nurses who have not had the practical care of children in the hospitals where they have been trained.

THE General Hospital at Woodstock, Ont., completed a new nurses' residence in February, the gift of one of Woodstock's public-spirited men.

PERSONAL

WHEN planning for your summer vacation do not forget the meeting of District Nurses to be held in Portland, Ore., in July. There will be special excursion rates across the continent, and opportunities to meet people interested in all branches of social work. The citizens of Portland are offering us a most cordial welcome. The whole affair promises to afford an exceptional opportunity to see the great West and to get much inspiration from meeting men and women who are devoting themselves to work that on all sides touches that of the district nurse. The programme and definite plans for transportation will appear in a later issue of the JOURNAL. Meanwhile, any inquiries may be addressed to Jane Elizabeth Hitchcock, Chairman District Nurse Commission, 265 Henry Street, New York City.

MRS. GRACE TROUTMAN, of the Class of 1894 of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., after being connected with the Sharon (Pa.) Hospital for three years, and for the last four as head nurse of Grant Hospital at Columbus, O., has resigned to take a much-needed rest. Mrs. Troutman will go to her home at Jamestown, Pa. Her successor at Grant Hospital, Miss Tuttle, Class of 1897, Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, will take charge March 1.

MISS MARGARET SUTHERLAND, the secretary of the New York State Nurses' Association, has been very ill for some time with typhoid fever, contracted in caring for a patient. Miss M. E. Cameron has kindly consented to take the secretary's work until Miss Sutherland is able to go on with it again. Miss Cameron's address will be found in the Official Department.

MR. F. KING, Class of 1903, and Mr. Roy McCall, Class of 1904, McLean Hospital Training-School, Waverley, Mass., have located in Philadelphia. They have joined Mr. Walter J. Otis, Class of 1903, and Mr. Edward Murch, Class of 1904, who are there engaged in private nursing.

MISS LILIAN D. WALD gave a talk to the nurses of the Monroe County Association and their friends at the Club-Rooms on the evening of February 3 on the subject of the work of the Nurses' Settlement. Miss Palmer, Miss Allerton, and Miss Keith were the hostesses.

MISS MARGARET P. PRIDHAM has resigned her position as superintendent of the Training-School of the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, Philadelphia, to accept a similar position in the Jewish Hospital in that city.

MISS ALBERTINE MACFARLANE has been appointed superintendent of nurses at the City Hospital, Vancouver, in place of Isabel Turner, resigned. Both of these nurses are graduates of the Toronto General.

MISS NELLIE F. PARTRIDGE, who has been in charge of the Out-patient Department of the Massachusetts General Hospital, is now superintendent of the Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, Mass.

THE nurses of the Toronto General were presented at Christmas with a new piano by Mrs. J. W. Flavelle and Mrs. P. C. Larken. Also ten new books from Mrs. T. C. Wallace.

MISS LUCY V. PICKETT has resigned as superintendent of the Newport Hospital after ten-years' service. Miss Pickett is a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

MRS. JOHN ECHLIN, *née* Somerville, graduate of the Toronto General, has removed from Winnipeg and is now residing in Cottingham Street, Toronto.

MISS BRENT, superintendent of the Children's Hospital, Toronto, gave a reception on January 18 which was a most enjoyable affair.

MISS KATHERINE VAN INGEN, night superintendent of the Brooklyn Hospital, is recovering from a serious surgical operation.

MISS P. E. THOMPSON, Massachusetts General, has gone abroad for a trip through Italy.

MISS MURIEL GALT is at the Nursing Settlement, Henry Street, New York.

MISS EUNICE SMITH is head nurse at the New York Lying-in Hospital.

MISS GARNET I. PELTON is resident nurse at the Denison House, Boston.



A DRINKING-CUP in use in the Asheville, N. C., public schools is admirably adapted to use in any public place. A low basin has a pipe coming up in the centre, the end of which is dilated into a cup. A fountain of water is continually rising in this pipe, filling the cup, and overflowing the sides into the basin. The child bends over and drinks from this fountain, and the cup is constantly being washed, so that there is no possibility of contamination.